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The IDS filed June 12, 2008 has been considered. Foreign references listed as documents AM to AT are not being considered because they have already been considered along with the Notice of Allowance mailed in March 4, 2008. A copy of the initialed PTO-1449 is attached.

Examiner's Comments on NPL references:

The Kiehl article ("Encapsulated aluminium pigments) discloses a flake aluminum pigment coated with a silica of a thickness from 20-30 nm (Kiehl, page 180, second column, third paragraph) which thickness is well below the range required in the claimed invention. The Schmid article ("Luster Pigments with Optically Variable Properties") reports chromatic differences in a Al/SiO₂/Fe₂O₃ pigment system based on various silica thicknesses from 300 nm to 460 nm. However, the difference is in relation to an outer coating of iron oxide. The language "consisting of" of the instant claims precludes a coating of iron oxide on silica.

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